GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2620
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2003
BREAK UP OF PUNJAB WAKF BOARD
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has issued a notification to break up the inter-State Punjab Wakf Board intoseparate State Wakf Boards for Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the break up of the number of registered Wakf properties among these States/UT;

(d) whether the Central Wakf Council and Muslim organizations of national eminence were consulted before taking the decision;

(e) whether the Government has taken note of the wide-spread public criticism of this decision and whether they have received any representation from Muslim organizations; and

(f) the annual income and expenditure of Punjab Wakf Board and the actual expenditure on religious, educationaland charitable activities undertaken by it during each of the last three years, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRI NAGMANI)

(a)&(b) The Government has issued an order on 29/7/03 approving the scheme of divisionof the Punjab Wakf Board, framed by it in consultation with the Punjab Wakf Board and consented to by the State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh and the United Territory of Chandigarh.

(c) The number of registered Wakf properties in each State is as under:-

Punjab	-	22450
Haryana	-	10920
Himachal Pradesh	-	546
UT Chandigarh	-	11

Total : 33927

(d) The order dated 29/7/03 has been issued as per provisions of Section 102 of the Wakf Act, 1995 after obtaining the consent of the concerned State Governments. There is no provision in the Wakf Act, 1995 to consult the Central Wakf Council or the Muslim organisations of national eminence before issuance of such an order.

(e) No sir. The Government is not aware of any wide-spread public criticism of this decision. However, some representations have been received from the Muslim organizations both in favour as well as against the division of the Punjab Wakf Board.

(f) The information is enclosed at Annexures I, II and III.

ANNEXURE- I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE STATE WISE INCOME OF PUNJAB WAKF BOARD DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

YEAR	COMMON POOL PUNJAB	HARYANA	HIMACHAL PRADESH	CHANDIGARH	TOTAL
2000-01	3,02,34,134.36	7,82,40,150.74	3,94,57,515.89	29,52,253.49	Nil 15,08,84,054.48
2001-02	3,53,50,108.70	8,60,50,235.77	3,69,26,051.74	31,26,295.45	Nil 16,14,52,691.66
2002-03	3,11,99,684.77	9,39,50,784.60	3,93,31,410.82	12,58,084.60	45,700.00 16,57,85,664.79

ANNEXURE II

STATE WISE ANNUAL EXPENDITURE OF PUNJAB WAKF BOARD DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

(In Rupees)

YEAR	COMMON POOL PUNJAB	HARYANA	HIMACHAL PRADESH	CHANDIGARH	TOTAL
2000-01	2,79,83,998.18	3,14,65,121.25	2,76,67,593.10	34,87,114.80	9,59,446.00	9,15,63,273.33
2001-02	2,18,30,893.18	3,91,09,435.80	3,05,43,086.35	38,97,705.00	7,04,946.00	9,60,86,066.33
2002-03	1,91,08,825.82	4,09,51,985.39	3,47,80,259.10	36,64,746.50	6,43,663.00	9,91,49,479.81

ANNEXURE-III

STATE WISE AND YEAR WISE EXPENDITURE ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES DURING THE LAST THREE YEARS.

(In Rupees)

YEAR	ACTIVITIES	COMMON POOL PUNJAB	HARYANA	HIMACHAL PR.	CHANDIGARH	TOTAL
2000-01	Religious	2,99,345	60,92,394	1,14,00,700	11,67,260	6,19,957	1,95,79,656
	Eductional	2,55,655	92,74,197	29,49,117	3,43,421	7,100	1,28,29,490
	Charity	12,600	14,000	88,500	Nil	Nil	1,15,100
2001-02	Religious	1,11,342	61,29,587	1,20,03,861	15,80,881	4,09,342	2,02,35,013
	Eductional	1,100	1,00,57,258	30,94,016	3,66,090	1,100	1,35,19,564
	Charity	5,200	20,000	81,000	5,000	Nil	1,11,200
2002-03	Religious	1,19,813	1,30,000	2,09,850	Nil	30,000	4,89,663
	Eductional	96,744	1,04,32,306	31,77,537	3,96,135	Nil	1,41,02,722
	Charity	1,500	5,000	2,59,000	5,000	Nil	2,70,500